

Comparisons of PI and ANN controllers for shunt HPF based on STF-PQ Algorithm under distorted grid voltage

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes a shunt hybrid power filter (HPF) for harmonic currents and reactive power compensation under a distorted voltage and in a polluted environment. For this purpose, the reference current of the shunt HPF is computed based on the instantaneous reactive power (p-q) theory with self-tuning filter (STF). In order to adjust the dc voltage as a reference value, PI and ANN controllers have been utilized. Moreover, the system has been implemented and simulated in a MATLAB-SIMULINK platform, and selected results are presented. Therefore, the results verified the good dynamic performance, transient stability and strong robustness of the ANN controller. Furthermore, the shunt HAPF with ANN controller has been found to be in agreement with the IEEE 519-1992 standard recommendations on harmonic levels.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In power systems, harmonic distortion is a major power quality problem. Harmonics are often generated in the power systems when there are nonlinear loads such as a controlled rectifier, inductive loads, and single-phase or three-phase un-controlled diode rectifiers [1]. Harmonics in the power source results in the heating up of the transformers, power factor reduction, electromagnetic interference(EMI), and damage to power electronics device [2-5]. It is, therefore, necessary to ensure that the dominant harmonics is reduced to less than 5% as stipulated by the international standards such as IEC1000-3-2, IEC1000-3-4, and IEEE519-1992 [6]. For an efficient power system operation, it is compulsory to minimize the power systems' harmonic contents and as such, various tools for the regulation of harmonics such as the conventional passive power filters (PPF), hybrid power filters (HPF), and active power filters (APF) have been developed [7]. However, the HPFs have been the most appropriate solutions for power quality improvement but the development of a hybrid filter through the combination of both PPF and APF can be a better solution since the advantages of the seed filters (i.e. the reduction of the active converters' VA rating to ensure a minimized overall cost, electromagnetic interference and losses) will be retained [8]. Several control strategies have been developed for the determination of the reactive and harmonic load current components. Such strategies include the p-q theory and the SRF which have performed equally although their differences are evident when working under unbalanced and distorted AC voltages [9-12].

The self-tuning filters (STF) classical PQ theory served as the basis in this paper for the generation of the shunt HAPF control reference current under distorted voltage conditions. The STF is deployed for the direct extraction of the fundamental components from electrical signals under distorted voltage conditions in the α - β reference frame. The major component of the APF operation is the controller and has attracted numerous research attention recently [13-15]. The harmonic current and DC voltage of the shunt HAPF have often been controlled using the conventional current and voltage controllers; however, these conventional techniques require a precise linear mathematical system modeling, and this is difficult to achieve under different parameters, load disturbances, and non-linearity. These limitations can be addressed by deploying ANN controllers [10]; hence, in this paper, the backpropagation network (ANN) controller schemes are proposed for the regulation of DC-link voltage and harmonic current to improve the performances of shunt HAPF.

2. SELF-TUNING FILTER BASED ON INSTANTANEOUS ACTIVE AND REACTIVE POWER (PQ) THEORY METHOD

The most significant aspect of this advanced control is the self-tuning filter; it annuls the contribution of the PLL to the observed disturbances and efficiently filters the currents in the α - β axis. Based on Figure 1 [16], the output signals can be represented by:

$$\widehat{X}_\alpha(s) = K/S [X_\alpha(s) - \widehat{X}_\alpha(s)] - \omega_c/s * \widehat{X}_\beta(s) \quad (1)$$

$$\widehat{X}_\beta(s) = K/S [X_\beta(s) - \widehat{X}_\beta(s)] - \omega_c/s * \widehat{X}_\alpha(s) \quad (2)$$

Thus, the STF can be used for the retrieval of the basic components from the distorted electrical signals without amplitude changes or phase delay.

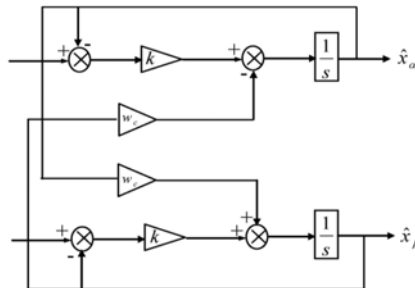


Figure 1. Self-tuning filter

The PQ theory applies Clarke transformation to currents and voltages from the 3-phase to a 2-phase system', which defines the instantaneous powers. The 3-phase load current is converted into α - β using, respectively [17].

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_\alpha \\ I_\beta \end{bmatrix} = [T_M] \begin{bmatrix} I_S^A \\ I_S^B \\ I_S^C \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Where T_M is the transformation matrix as

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & \sqrt{3}/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Evidently, the currents in the α - β axis can be reduced to their DC and AC components respectively by:

$$I_\alpha = \hat{I}_\alpha + \ddot{I}_\alpha \quad (5)$$

$$I_\beta = \hat{I}_\beta + \ddot{I}_\beta \quad (6)$$

The STF is then used to directly extract the basic currents' components at the pulsation in the α - β axis before subtracting the STF's input signals from the corresponding outputs to compute the load currents' α - β harmonic components. The alternating components, \ddot{I}_α and \ddot{I}_β which corresponds to the load currents' harmonic components in the stationary reference frame are the output signals. Regarding the source voltage, the 3 voltages V_S^A , V_S^B and V_S^C are transformed to α - β reference frame thus:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_\alpha \\ V_\beta \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{2/3} [T_M] \begin{bmatrix} V_S^A \\ V_S^B \\ V_S^C \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

The active and reactive instantaneous power 'p' and 'q' are given by

$$P = \hat{P} + \ddot{P}, \quad P = I_\alpha * \hat{V}_\alpha + I_\beta * \hat{V}_\beta \quad (8)$$

$$Q = \hat{Q} + \ddot{Q}, \quad Q = I_\beta * \hat{V}_\alpha - I_\alpha * \hat{V}_\beta \quad (9)$$

Where \hat{P}, \hat{Q} = fundamental components, \ddot{P}, \ddot{Q} = alternative components. \ddot{P}, \ddot{Q} (Power components) which relates to the α - β of the same currents and voltages can be expressed thus:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \ddot{P} \\ \ddot{Q} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{V}_\alpha & \hat{V}_\beta \\ -\hat{V}_\beta & \hat{V}_\alpha \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Having added the required active power for the regulation of the DC bus voltage P_c to the AC component of the instantaneous real power \ddot{P} , the filter reference current in the A-B-C coordinates are then, defined by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_A^* \\ I_B^* \\ I_C^* \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{2/3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & \sqrt{3}/2 \\ -1/2 & -\sqrt{3}/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The HPF controlling framework is schematically depicted in Figure 2. The feedback signals are detected from the AC source, the load currents, and the DC bus voltages [7]. The (3) was used to convert the 3-phase currents from the (a-b-c) phases to the (α - β) static reference phase currents i_α and i_β .

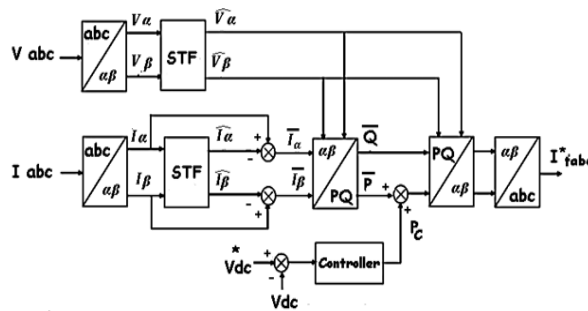


Figure 2. Control algorithm of HPF

Chronologically, a research can be explained thus: research (design, procedure (as in algorithms and pseudocodes)), data acquisition and data testing [1, 7]. Each stage of a research should be described with the supporting references for such description to be scientifically acceptable [6, 8].

3. PI DC CAPACITOR VOLTAGE CONTROLLER

There is a need to deal with a little measure of power streaming into DC capacitor to control DC bus voltage, consequently compensating for the conduction and exchange misfortunes. There is no need for the DC link voltage control circle to be as quick as when it responds to the relentless state working condition. The real DC interface voltage is contrasted while the voltage is connected to a PI controller via a link DC[18]. For the maintenance of the DC-link voltage at the settled reference state, a specific real power measure is required by the DC-connect capacitor; this power measure directly reflects the variation between the real and reference voltages. The control flag emanating from the PI controller to the direct DC interface voltage can be communicated as [1]:

$$P_{dc} = k_p(V_{dc\text{ref}} - V_{dc}) + K_i \int (V_{dc\text{ref}} - V_{dc}) dt \quad (12)$$

where K_p = PI controllers' proportional gain, K_i = PI controllers' integral gain.

An expansion of the proportional gain (K_p) minimizes the increase in steady-state error and time but can cause an increased overshoot and settling time. Similarly, an increase of the necessary pick up (K_i) reduces the relentless state mistake but can lead to overshoot and settling time. Figure 3 showed the schematic representation of PI controller.

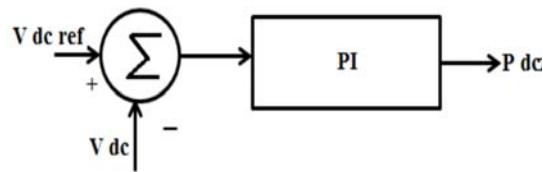


Figure 3. A schematic depiction of the PI controller

4. ANN DC CAPACITOR VOLTAGE CONTROLLER

The diagram of an ANN controller is depicted in Figure 4. An ANN controller consisting of 3 neuron layers (input, hidden, and output) was used in this control system. There are 3 inputs (V_1 , V_2 , V_3) and 3 outputs (V_1^* , V_2^* , V_3^*) in the ANN controller. The ANN output passes through a comparator and is matched with a carrier signal prior to its application to the PWM generator as a reference variable. The ANN is trained by varying the weights W_{ij} and the biases B_j , while the training criterion is considered as the ANN outputs' mean square error with a value of 0.0001. The (13) defined the error function.

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^N e(i)^2 \quad (13)$$

where N represents the number of output neurons, and $e(i)$ represents the instantaneous error between the estimated and actual output values. The training of the ANN is deemed completed when j has a value of < 0.0001 [10, 19, 20].

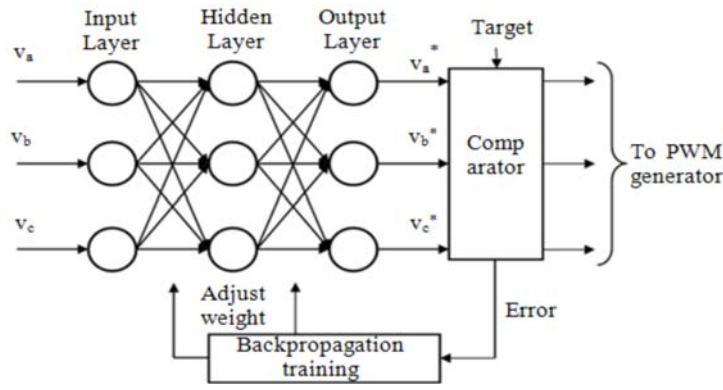


Figure 4. The block diagram of ANN controller

5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

A MATLAB/Simulink platform was used to simulate the system in order to verify the proposed method. The system parameters and their values are as follows: voltage frequency, 50 HZ; Source voltage, 240V; Resistor R_f , 0.00050 Ω ; ; Resistor R_L 1, 80 Ω ; Inductor L_L 2, 0.5 H; DC capacitor, 350 μ F; Resistor R_s , 0.0005 Ω ; Inductor L_L 1, 0.05 H; Inductor L_f , 0.000075 H; inductor L_s , 0.0001H; DC bus voltage, 450V; and Resistor R_L 2, 120 Ω .

The performance of a Hybrid APF for filtering current distortions and reactive power mitigation has been examined under distortion voltage source (THD of voltage is 14.79% including 5th 7th 11th are 9 %, 8.1% and 5.21 respectively) with balanced nonlinear and additional loads. The THD of source current before applying a filter is high 28.53% as shown in Figure 5.

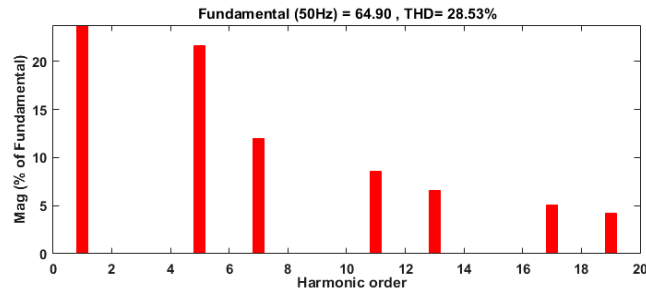


Figure 5. THD of source current without a filter

5.1. Case 1: proportional-integral controller (PI)

The performance of Shunt HAPF with PI controller under distorted voltage condition has been shown in Figures 6 and 7 which provides details of the load voltage, source voltage, load current without a filter, the source current with filter, compensation filter current, DC Link voltage, THD of current.

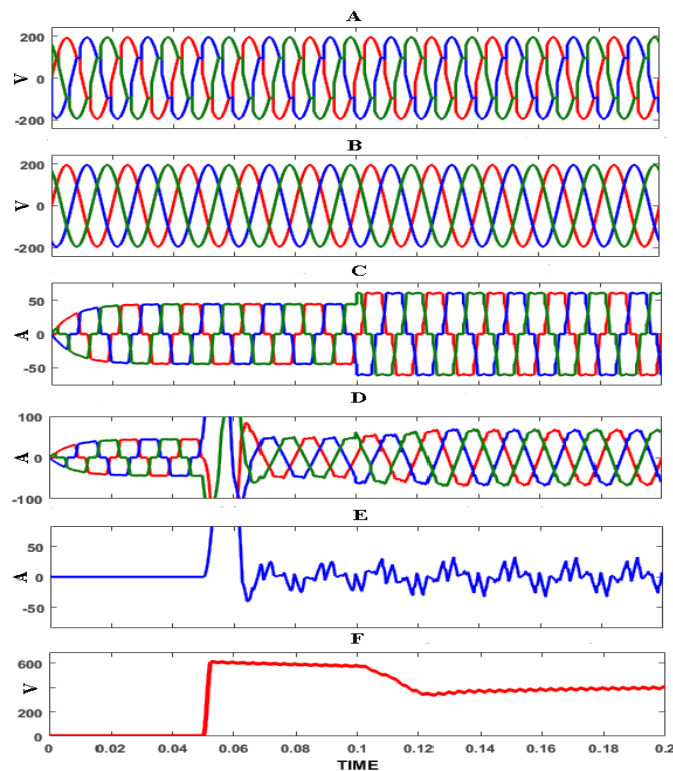


Figure 6. Shunt HAPF responses with PI controller

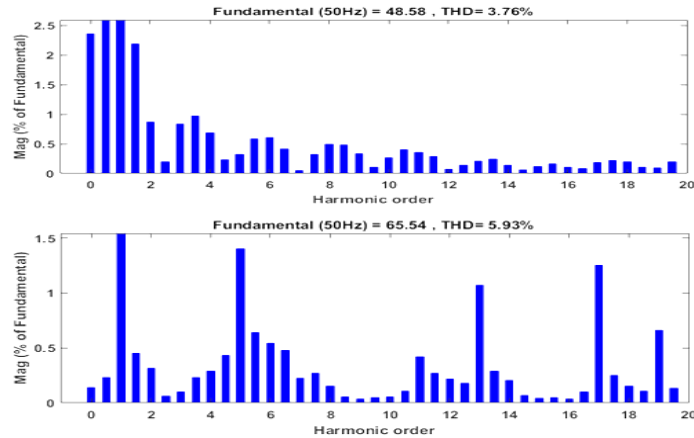


Figure 7. THD of source current with PI controller

The shunt HAPF was applying to system at 0.05s and additional nonlinear load at 0.1s to evaluate the performance of filter under steady and transited statuses. The source currents have been almost sinusoidal after compensation of harmonic currents. The PI controller based on shunt HAPF reduces the THD of the source current to 3.76%, 3.78%, 3.80 % at period 0.05 to 0.1s for phases a, b, c whereas with additional load (after 0.01s) THD is 5.93%, 5.87%, 5.91% respectively, as depicted in Table 2, besides that PI controller was unable to maintain dc bus voltage at its reference value (540v) after applying additional loads

5.2. Case 2: ANN controller

From Figures 8 and 9, it can be concluded that shunt HAPF with ANN controller contains fewer harmonics with a THD of the source current equal to 2.37% and 2.92% for both statuses which are well below the permissible limit of 5% as shown in Table 2. Furthermore, ANN controller has been able to keep the DC voltage at its reference value even with transited status.

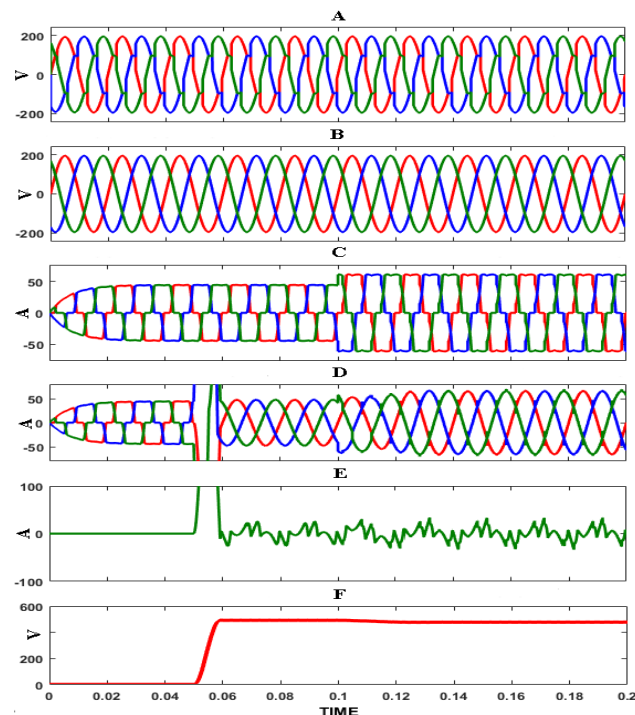


Figure 8. Shunt HAPF response with ANN controller

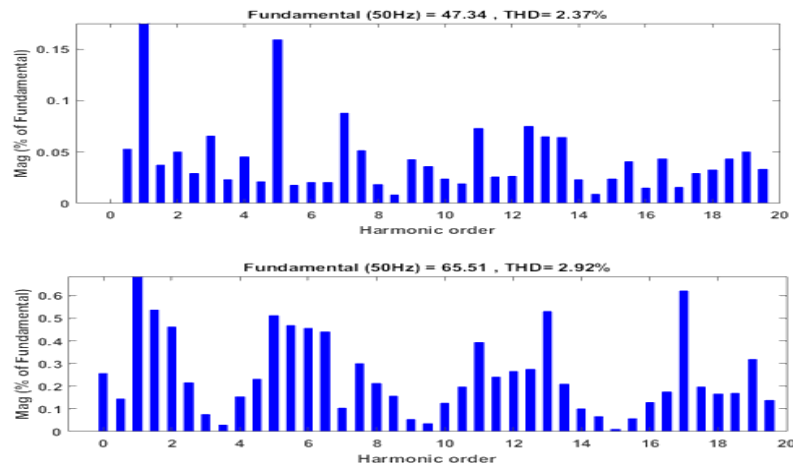


Figure 9. THD of source current with ANN controller

Table 2. Show the harmonic spectra in source current

Operations	Harmonics orders	THD with Non-linear load						THD with additional load						THD %
		5 th	7 th	11 th	13 th	15 th	17 th	5 th	7 th	11 th	13 th	15 th	17 th	
Without filter	A	21.6	12.2	4.5	8.5	6.5	5.11	15.7	7.7	1.2	1.4	0.9	2.2	28.53
	B	21.9	11.9	4.6	8.4	6.7	5.14	16	7.5	1.1	1.3	1	2.4	28.66
	C	22	12.5	5	8.8	5.9	5	15.8	7.9	1.4	1.8	0.5	1.9	28.9
With filter +PI	A	1.33	0.05	0.3	0.21	0.1	0.18	1.8	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.2	1.1	5.93
	B	1.35	0.06	0.2	0.24	0.3	0.2	1.9	0.9	0.3	0.9	0.1	1.3	6.1
	C	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.25	0.2	0.2	1.87	0.8	0.3	1	0.3	1	6.3
With filter +ANN	A	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.1	0	0.15	1.1	1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	2.92
	B	1	0.1	0	0.3	0.1	0.2	1	1.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	2.96
	C	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	1.2	1	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.5	3.01

6. CONCLUSION

A neural network and PI controllers of dc voltage are proposed and has been implemented for the shunt HPF based on STF-p-q method in 3 phases. The performance of the proposed control strategy was evaluated for distortion source conditions with two different non-linear load types. The results revealed that the shunt HPF with ANN controller successfully kept the dc voltage constant as the reference value and reduced the grid current harmonics to around 2.37 and 2.92 % for both loads. In contrast with the PI controller, the THD was minimized to 3.76 and 5.93% only. Besides, the PI controller failed to maintain the dc voltage as the reference value under both load conditions.

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